CENTRAL STATION
HQ, 109 HERE, OVER
CHECK OUT THE CAR AND THE QUARRY. THE CONVERSATION SOUNDS LIKE HEBREW TO ME. TRANSLATE IT AND GET BACK TO ME
ROGER, 109 OVER

CHAK
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO SWITCH TO A TRAIN OR A BUS OR SOMETHING THAT'S THE THEORY, ANYWAY.
CHAK
109, THIS IS 45
READ YOU, 45
IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT SCREW UP BECAUSE OF YOUR EYE, YOU CALL FOR BACKUP, OKAY?
LOOK, 45 YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO WANTS THIS BASTARD, SO IF YOU
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT, DUMMY! I MEANT THIS CASE ISN'T WORTH GETTING KILLED OVER! 45 OUT
HQ TO 109 OVER
READ YOU, HQ ORDERS?

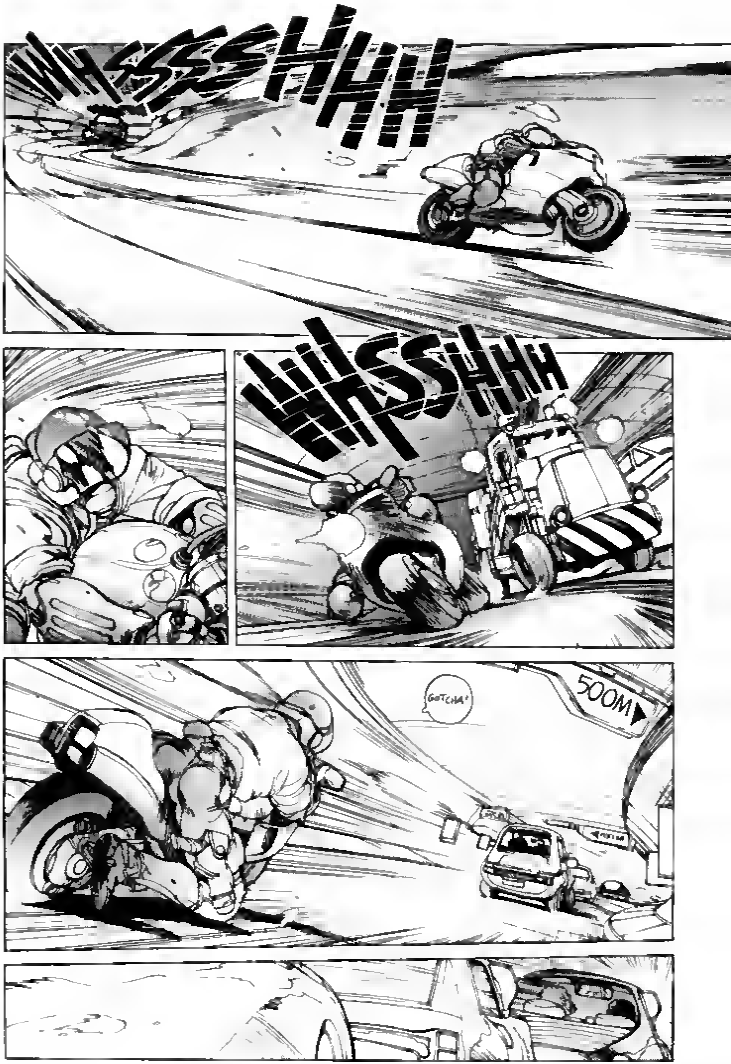
NOT YET, 109. I HEAR THERE WAS NO LAWYER PRESENT AT YOUR LAST INTERROGATION
MMMM
VOLUNTARY', HMM?
THE FOLKS OVER AT HUMAN RIGHTS ARE, AH SOMEWHAT BOTHERED BY THE CROTCH TO STERNUM KNIFE WOUND YOU LEFT ON HIM
CHIEF OF STAFF NIKE HERSELF WAS AT THE INVESTIGATION
IT WAS A VOLUNTARY CONFESSION, SIR
I JUDGED THAT HASTE TOOK PRECEDENCE IN THIS INVESTIGATION
I GAVE HIM PSEUDOADRENALINE TO HEIGHTEN HIS FEAR REACTION THAT WOUND WAS NECESSARY TO TRIGGER IT, SIR
OOPS, HINDRED THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS AGAIN
WELL, NIKE'S LANDING HERE NOW. HQ OUT.
ROGER, HQ
500M
HM?

DAMN A TUNNEL
IT'S A ROAD-BLOCK!
OF COURSE WHAT DO YOU EXPECT, RIGHT AT THE BASE OF THE BELEKRIC ARCOLOGY? DON'T WORRY
MMMM
MMMM

YOU CAN HARDLY EXPECT ME TO PRAISE THAT KIND OF WORK COMMANDER
BUT YOU MUST ADMIT IT WAS EFFECTIVE, MA'AM
AND HOW DOES IT AFFECT OUR HAND?
WE HOLD ALL THE CARDS DON'T WORRY
WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!
VRUMMMM
SPWEEET!
YOU'RE A MORE SUSPICIOUS LOOKING GUY THAN ME!
SHEESH!
SHEESH!

WHSSSS
KOTUS! PRIORITY OVERRIDE ASSIGNMENT! GUARD MY GUGES!
?
OOH! EXO-ARMOR! I WANT IT!!
KSSHH
NO ONE BUT ME LAYS A HAND ON IT, UNDERSTAND? NO PICTURES, EITHER!
AND DON'T SCREW IT UP LIKE LAST TIME!
IT'S P14 CLASSIFIED-- THE GUN, TOO
KSHH

109 TO 108, OVER
108 HERE
CHAK
HI, SHAMALA? CAN YOU PICK UP MY GUGES AT CHECKPOINT GAMMA? THANKS
USE ONE OF OUR INTERCEPTORS
CHIK
I'M BORROWING THIS ESWAT BUSINESS.
VREE
VREE
VRMMM
VR'IK
SKWK
M-M MY LITTLE V-BABY! WHAT ARE YOU-
VRRMMMMM
VRMM
SKREEE
SKREEE
DOING TO MY BIKE...
VRMM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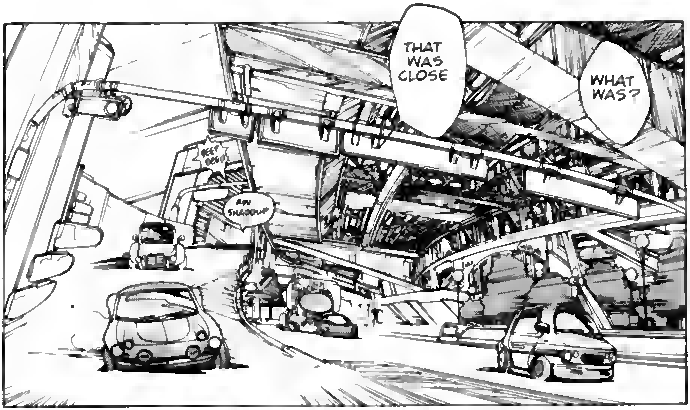
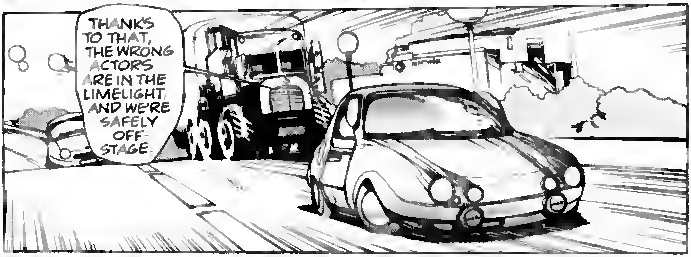
WHSSHHH
GOT CHA!
500M


THAT WAS CLOSE
WHAT WAS?
GET DOWN!
AN SHADOW!

HELL, WHEN I HEARD TH T SIX HAND-PICKED ESWAT GUYS WERE CHECKING OUT THOSE SITES, I FIGURED WE WERE FINISHED.

YOU SLIPPED THAT KID SOMETHING, RIGHT? THE MULE JUST TO BUY US SOME TIME.


THANKS TO THAT, THE WRONG ACTORS ARE IN THE LIMELIGHT, AND WE'RE SAFELY OFF STAGE.

MUNMA CAN'T COMPLAIN HE WASN'T IMPORTANT, ANYWAY
THE YEAR 2100 HAS COME AND GONE, AND THEIR SAVIOR HASN'T SHOWN HIMSELF. INDUSTRIALIZATION AND INFORMATION TRANSFERS ARE ERODING THEIR OLD INDEPENDENCE DAYS SOLIDARITY. THEY NEED OUR MAN

BUT WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF HELPING MUNMA? YOU'RE NOT U N -- YOU'RE NOT EVEN A BELIEVER.
I MEAN, WHO THE HELL LOSES WHEN RELIGIOUS FANATICS MELLOW OUT?
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ESWAT
I FIGURE KAINISU WON'T MAKE IT TO THE COAST BUT EVEN IF HE DOES GET AWAY, THE REPUBLIC'S STILL IN OUR HANDS
SO YOU ISOLATE THEM DIPLOMATICALLY THE OIL ROUTE'S NOT GOING TO CHANGE. MOST OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES STILL DEPEND ON OIL.
PUSIEDEM GHT STOP BUY NG FROM THEM TO PROTECT ITS ENVIRONMENTAL IMAGE. BUT WHO ELSE?
NAW THEY'LL JUST BUY UNDER THE COUNTER
LOOK, I DON'T CARE IF GOD WAS UNFAIR ABOUT WHERE HE BURIED HIS TREASURE. AND IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS IF HE STUCK PEOPLE IN COUNTRIES HE KNEW WERE GOING TO GET HIT BY DROUGHT AND FAMINE.
SO YOU'RE THE LIBERAL PRAGMATIST, PATCHING UP GOD'S WORK FOR HIM.
THE WAY I WORK, SEE, IS THIS - IF YOU'RE NOT SURE SOMETHING'S OUT THERE, JUST ASSUME IT IS AND BE DAMED CAREFUL
YOU'LL LIVE A LONG TIME, FELLA.
BY NOW KAINISU IS SURROUNDED. MAYBE HE'S ALREADY UNDER ATTACK.
EITHER WAY, SOME LEGIS BIGWIG SHOULD BE MEETING WITH THE GUESTS RIGHT NOW TO GET THEM TO YANK HIS DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY.
"GUESTS"...? WHO?

SO WHAT DO YOU THINK, SENATOR BOYLE?
THEY'LL LAY OUT PROOF THAT HE'S BEING STALKED BY A MUNMA HOLY REPUBLIC "DIPLOMAT"
THAT'S THE GAME AEGIS PLAYS BEST NICE QUIET RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED, eh?

WORLD PLANNING BY COMPUTERS AND BIORDIDS
QUITE A RISK
IT'S A CIRCUS, PAL ONE MORNING IT'S THERE NEXT MORNING IT'S VANISHED LIKE A DREAM
OLYMPUS APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE IN AN AGE WHERE INFORMATION AND CORPORATIONS COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL BORDERS
IT'S NOT LIKE THE MAYANS OR THE AZTECS
SO, THE OLD "WHO STARTED THE WAR" GAME?
NAW IT JUST BUGS ME A BUNCH OF SIMPLISTIC IDEALISTS PLAYING HOUSE TOGETHER COULDN'T HAVE PUT TOGETHER A CITY LIKE THIS
AND I WANT TO KNOW WHAT IT'S REALLY FOR WHEN AND HOW THEY GOT ALL THE PEOPLE TOGETHER, HOW THEY KEPT IT A SECRET
WHERE'D THEY GET ALL THE CAPITAL FROM, ALL THE MATERIALS, eh?
THE SLEEPING DRAGON MAY FINALLY BE AWAKE BUT IT'S STILL HASNY BEGIN TO FLEX ITS MUSCLES
Antiques
THE WHOLE WORLD HAD THE WOOL PULLED OVER ITS EYES BUT THAT BY ITSELF SHOULDN'T HAVE LED TO WAR TOO MANY MYSTERIES
YEAH BUT IMPERIAL AMERICANA WOULDN'T MOVE AGAINST OLYMPUS JUST BECAUSE OF MYSTERIES
Tritogeneia AVE 200 m
PUT CROSSING AVE
CREEK ST

GRANTED OUR IMPERIAL AMERICANA DOES PROVIDE THE BULK OF THE PEACE-KEEPING FORCES IN THE HOLY REPUBLIC BUT IT'S ALSO TRUE THAT WE CONTINUE SENDING SUPPLIES TO THE REPUBLIC'S REFUGEES PURELY HUMANITARIAN, OF COURSE
WE'RE ALSO AWARE THAT CERTAIN ARMED ELEMENTS IN MUNMA OPPOSE OUR "PARTICIPATION" HOWEVER THE REPUBLIC GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION JUST KEEP ON BUYING INEXPENSIVE EMERGENCY SUPPLIES, IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN
LOOK, SENATOR, I MUST POINT OUT THAT YOUR VISIT TO OUR BUREAU IS STRICTLY UNOFFICIAL ITS PURPOSE NEED NOT BE PURELY POLITICAL
IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE IN YOUR COUNTRY MAY BE USING YOU, Mr SENATOR, IN SOME TRANSACTION TO WIN OVER THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT FORCES
Hem
IF YOUR COUNTRY WEIGHED YOUR LIFE AGAINST THE IMPERIAL AMERICANA VOICE IN HOLY REPUBLIC AFFAIRS, I WONDER WHICH WOULD BE THE HEAVIER
THEY'D COME UP WITH SOME KIND OF RATIONALE, BELIEVE ME
BUT LIKE YOU SAY, PAL-- THAT'S NOT ENOUGH TO MOVE THE AMERICANS AND SO
THAT'S WHEN THEY PLAY THE JOKER IN THE DECK

IT SEEMS YOU PEOPLE AT AEGIS DON'T APPRECIATE HIS TRUE VALUE
SHOWING YOUR HAND SO EARLY
SO I PRESUME WE HAVE A DEAL? PLEASE TAKE SOME TIME AND RELAX BEFORE THE CONFERENCE
SUPPORT FOR THE IMPERIAL AMERICANA GOVERNMENT'S ON A DOWN ESCALATOR THE WAR'S GOING BADLY, INFLATION'S HEADING FOR THE SKY
THEY'VE GOT ELECTIONS COMING UP - GOT TO STAMP OUT ANY SCANDAL BEFORE IT STARTS.
THERE'VE BEEN RUMORS ALL ALONG THAT THE PARTY'S PURGING THE HAWKS
OR AGAIN, THAT THE POWERS THAT BE IN THE OPPOSITION ARE MANIPULATING THE WHOLE SITUATION.
IN ANY CASE, THE JOKER RETURNS TO IMPERIAL AMERICANA. THEY AND THE HOLY REPUBLIC BEGIN TO DISTRUST EACH OTHER
AH, AEGIS GETS A NUISANCE OFF THEIR HANDS.
SO, JUST A BIT OF RED TAPE, AND IT'S TIME FOR ACT TWO.

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The Furry Triangles
We Love Beavers